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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Kindly enter the following amendments and remarks in the above referenced patent application.

In the Claims:

Kindly replace claims 65, 70 and 71 with the following:

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65. A method of screening for autoimmune disease associated with a reduction in NF κ B activity in a mammal deemed to be at risk for an autoimmune disease, comprising:
- a) providing a biological sample from a mammal; and
 - b) detecting activity of proteasomes in said sample by measuring the level of proteolytic products derived from the proteolytic processing of NF κ B by said proteasomes generated by said proteasomes, wherein a reduction in the level of said proteolytic products from a basal state is correlated with the presence of an autoimmune disease associated with a reduction in NF κ B activity.